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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

As Y2K comes to an end and we begin 2001, I would like to take this opportunity to share some thoughts with the membership. First, let me start with some good news. Millard Hajek, our VP, is recovering nicely after some emergency surgery. Maryland TAMS relies on Mill for so much, we really miss him even after a short absence. I want to pass on MD TAMS best wishes to Mill for a continued fast recovery. It is also that time of year for me to look both backward and forward. I am grateful to have served as your President for another calendar year. I want to thank many of you for your contributions, both major and minor. I am thankful for: a great group of officers that help me with so many aspects of our organization; a Vice President (Mill) who has produced most of the documents for our Reference series; a Secretary (Jim Boswell) who is not only efficient with our correspondence but sells so many books and signs up so many new members; a Treasurer (Bob Ruby) who beside accounting for our funds provides us with so much printing & publication support; our most capable Journal Editor (Will Mumford) who keeps those Journals and References coming to the members and even found the time to crank out a major, new reference book of his own on the history of truck farming and the associated tokens in Ann Arundel County; Russ Sears who volunteers as our Auctioneer and routinely provides myself and MD TAMS with good counsel; Karl Keller who produced a Reference documenting recent Bonnie Blink tokens; Joe Burford who recently provided MD TAMS his manuscript (soon to be published) on Maryland Elongateds; and all those members who have volunteered for duties both big and small. My sincere thanks go out to all of you. If I missed anyone I sincerely apologize. It is this active membership that makes this club so great.

As we look forward, I see much more for the Maryland Token & Medal Society. We are actively involved in four major efforts: the Reference Document series; the Fifty State Quarter elongated project; the effort with MSNA to finish the 13 State Original Colony Encased Quarter program; and the publication and sales of the soon to be released Maryland Elongated book. All this and the ANA in Baltimore (2003) is just around the corner. We have our plate full and I hope you think it is as much fun as I do! We need your help, so if you are helping already, keep up the good work and do more if you can. If you are not active, 2001 is a great time to start. Every bit helps. Just as a reminder, **our next meeting** is at the March 2001 Suburban Washington/Baltimore Coin Show at the Baltimore Convention Center on **Saturday 17 March at 1100** (room to be announced). Also, we need your help at the **next BANC Coin Show** at the Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Rd., Baltimore Beltway Exit 29 on **Sunday 4 February 2001 9AM – 4PM.** We need workers. If you wonder why there is not a new Reference enclosed with this issue of the Journal, it is because we have no new material. HELP!!!

Ed Craig
President, MD TAMS

Maryland Token And Medal Society, Inc.
Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, November 19, 2000 from 12 noon til 2:00 P.M.
Location: BANC Coinarama, Holiday Inn, Towson, MD. Room 210
Attendance: 16 members and no guests
The meeting was called to order by President Craig at 12:05 P.M.
Secretary Report: In the absence of secretary James Boswell, the minutes of the last meeting were not presented. Minutes of this meeting were recorded by secretary pro-tem Millard Hajek.
Copies of articles about **MD TAMS** that appeared in **Coin World** issues dated September 18, 2000 and November 20, 2000 were made available to those in attendance by secretary Boswell.
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bob Ruby presented his report and it was approved by the membership subject to future audit.
Committee Reports:

MD TAMS Journal- In the absence of editor Will Mumford, President Craig requested articles for the Journal and also urged members to submit supplements to the Journal for publication.

Elongated Coin Project- The 50 sets for the five quarters issued in 1999 have been sold and the Society is awaiting shipment by Ray Dillard for the next 5 quarters issued in 2000 .

Encased Quarter Project- The first shipment of 1000 encased quarters for this joint project by MD TAMS and MSNA have been received and sales for the 13 original colonies sets and Maryland "P and D" sets have been brisk to local collectors. Preparations are being made for advertising the sales of the encased sets in numismatic publications and to the Associated Collectors of Encased (ACE).

Election Committee- No new information was reported for the new slate of officers.
No other committee reports were presented.
Old Business:
Coin World was recognized by President Craig for publishing articles in Coin World which they editorialize from articles that appeared in our MD TAMS Journals sent to them and for the favorable publicity we receive from this.
New Business:
The manuscript on "Elongated Coins of Maryland" has been completed by author Joe Burford and printing costs are now being investigated for this 102 page catalog.
Announcements:
Don Curtis announced that he has a couple rolls of New Hampshire "D" quarters for sale at $12 per roll. Bill Lenz informed the membership that YN Coordinator for the MSNA YN program Larry Gentile is very ill and to send Larry a card and keep him in your prayers.
Show-And-Tell:
Ernie Turnes displayed a medal and key chain commemorating the new Sparrows Point Cold Sheet Mill at Bethlehem Steel Co. Ernie had a few key chains for sale at $4each. A discussion took place about the "Beth Steel" ID tags or tool checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M. with a 20 lot auction following a short break. Notice for the next meeting will appear in the next issue of our MD TAMS Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
Millard W. Hajek-Secretary Pro Tem

October 28, 2000

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center

I-Meeting called to order by President CRAIG at 11:02am with 16 members and 2 guests in attendance (attendance sheet attached).

II-Minutes of the last meeting (08-19-00) appear in the latest issue of our Journal so they were not read today.

III-Treasurer's Report given by treasurer (R. RUBY). Said report to stand unless/until audited (copy of that report is attached).

IV-Committees:

a-Journal: Editor (W. MUMFORD) advised that he DOES NOT HAVE ANY articles on hand and requested that members write at least one for the next issue(s) of our Journal.

b-Elongated Quarters (for all 50 States): M. HAJEK brought everyone up to date on this project (more info expected soon).

c-Encased Quarters: E. CRAIG noted that the first 5 in the Series (only those (from the "P" Mint) for the Original 13 Colonies plus those MD ones from the "D" Mint) are in and noted that this project is currently "in the red" but, is expected to turn that around once we start selling these items.

NOTE: E.CRAIG also noted that MD TAMS members will be given every opportunity to buy a set of Encased Statehood Quarters (see "c" above) before they are offered to others.

NOTE: Only 120 Sets of the 13 Original Colonies Quarters' and 200 Sets of the MD "P" & "D" Quarters will be available (price of both Sets is $46.00).

V-Old Business:

a-E.CRAIG spoke on our last meeting (held at North Point State Park.

b-R.SEARS also spoke on the same subject.

VI-New Business:

a-E.CRAIG: Book Raffle (25 tickets sold). The winner was J.BURFORD.

b-E.CRAIG: He has forms for ANA YN/Adult members getting financial aid to next year's ANA Summer Seminar.

c-E.CRAIG: Spoke about the A.A. County, MD "picker check" book and the book signing (held 09-24-00) for same which several MD TAMS members attended (Author (W.MUMFORD) & Secretary had copies available for sale).

d-Secretary (J.BOSWELL) spoke about our new address (MD TAMS, P.O. Box 644, Gambrills, MD 21054-0644).

e-E.CRAIG asked for volunteers to serve on Nominating Committee for our next elections (to be held at our Annual Meeting in 2001). W. AYERS & J.HAMMOND volunteered for this Committee.

NOTE: Any MD TAMS member interested in being an officer of our Organization is requested to see a Committee member.

VII-Announcements:

a-E.CRAIG: Our next meeting will be at 12:00 (noon) at the BANC Show (held at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Rd. (Exit 29 on the Beltway)) on 11-19-00 (to be followed by the MSNA Seminar)

b-J.BOSWELL announced that we had received the first piece of non "Junk Mail" using our new address (he also highlighted the other mail we had received).

VIII-Show & Tell:
A-R.KAMINSKI on a Coin World 40th Anniversary "give-away" (an aluminum disc/medal) and a Wooden Nickel about "Historic Fells Point" in Baltimore, MD.
B-R.SEARS on political pins (he was wearing one for T.McKELDIN (former Governor of MD & former Mayor of Baltimore)).
IX-A "break" was taken so members could view auction lots, "stretch their legs", etc..
X-Auction conducted by R.SEARS (assisted by E.CRAIG). (The recorders were J.BOSWELL & R.RUBY). Auction resulted in $17.70 (commission) being added to our treasury.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary
MD TAMS

TRYING TO CATALOG WOODEN NICKELS...

To all MD TAMS members... I am going to try to put together a listing of all MARYLAND Wooden Nickels. I will start with people and places first. Coin clubs will come later. I would like for you to help me by sending in pictures of your wooden nickels also what color each side is. If you have any that have no reference on them and you know they are from Maryland just write something about them and I will put that under the listing so we all will know that it is a Maryland wood. Or you could lend me your collection and I will make copies of them and return them to you. Include also any wooden dimes, quarters, dollars, crabs or whatever you might have.

IF SOMEONE OUT THERE IS ALREADY DOING THIS PLEASE LET ME KNOW AND WE CAN COLLABORATE TO COME UP WITH AS COMPLETE A LISTING AS POSSIBLE. I already have 240 people and places listed in my listings. Please help...send listings to"

JOE BURFORD
331 S. GILMORE ST.
BALTIMORE, MD 21223

WOODEN NICKELS

JOE BURFORD R-241

[1] I pickup this wooden nickel at the Lutherville Flea Market. I ask the lady about this wooden nickel an she that John Tichenor [Md. Institute] had a photo pushcart in the Inner Harbor. He did photo using back drops, then he fashioned them into buttons. He was at the Inner Harbor about ten years ago.

[2] This one was give to me by a coworker Dennis McDonald. Robert "Knip" Knippenburg ran for 2nd Vice President in 1995-1996. For the Maryland State Firemen's Association. He won. The Secretary of the Firemen's Association. Leonaed T. King said that over the last 30 years that a few of the firemen had then made.

[3] Dennis also gave me this one. Garman Brothers is on 1270 Rive Road in Crownsville 21023. This was made in 1998. They also did one about 15 years ago.

If you have any wooden nickel that you know are Maryland. The ones that do not have a place or phone numbers on them to show that they are Maryland. All you to do is let me or Ed Craig know. We will see that it is put in the MARYLAND TAMS JOURNAL.

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ARBUTUS FIREMEN'S BINGO

Millard W. Hajek

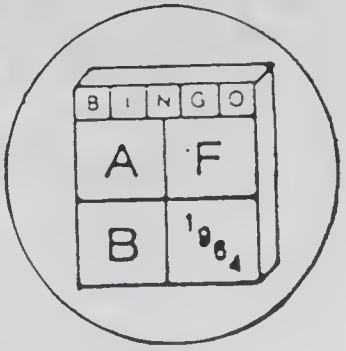
The plastic tokens and wooden nickels cataloged here for the **Arbutus Firemen's Bingo** are the product of **Robert A. Johnson**, an avid collector of amusement tokens. It appears that the tokens were made from about 1979-1983. Currently, no additional information can be found on how they were used.

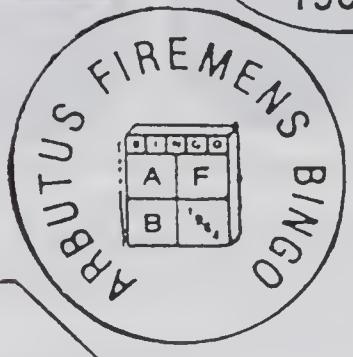
The Arbutus Volunteer Fire Department is located at 5200 Southwestern Boulevard in the Southwest section of Baltimore County, Maryland. The Arbutus Firemen's Hall, at the same location, was the site of the bingo games which started in 1964.

Unless otherwise indicated, all tokens cataloged here are round.

The book, VIDEO ARCADE, PINBALL, SLOT MACHINE, AND OTHER AMUSEMENT TOKENS OF NORTH AMERICA by Stephen P. Alpert and Kenneth E. Smith (First Edition 1984) list Arbutus Firemen's Bingo tokens under the heading MARYLAND UNIDENTIFIED 992 (page 93). However, the description is quite vague and, therefore, the existence of the tokens cannot be verified by the author. Consequently, they are not listed here at this time until new information becomes available.

Members of **MD TAMS** are urged to review their collections and submit unlisted tokens from the **Arbutus Firemen's Bingo** to the cataloger for inclusion in this listing.



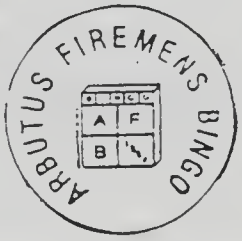


ARBUTUS FIREMEN'S BINGO TOKENS

MD AFB-1
ARBUTUS vertically to left/bingo card with BINGO across top/FIREMEN'S vertically to right// GOOD FOR/ONE FREE/EARLY BIRD/1980
29mm Green Plastic w/ White Printing

MD AFB-2
ARBUTUS/FIREMEN'S/BINGO//
GOOD FOR/1 FREE/EARLY BIRD
28mm White Plastic w/Black Printing Octagonal

MD AFB-3
ARBUTUS FIREMEN'S BINGO/ card with BINGO at top/ A, F. 1964, B reading clockwise from upper left//GOOD FOR/1/EARLY BIRD/ - - - /1981
29mm Yellow Plastic w/Brown Printing



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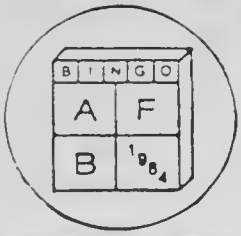
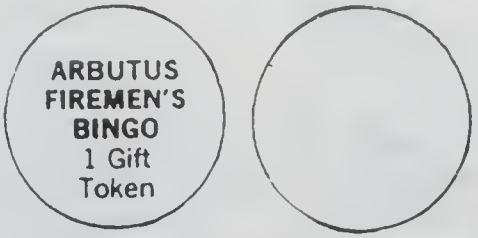
Same obverse and reverse as MDAFB-3
29mm White Plastic w/ Blue Printing



MD AFB-4
card with BINGO at top/A, F, 1964, B reading clockwise from upper left//
GOOD FOR/3/HARD CARDS
29mm White Plastic w/Green Printing

MD AFB-5
ARBUTUS/FIREMEN'S/BINGO//
GOOD FOR ONE SUSIE B. SPECIAL/caricature of Anthony facing right
29mm Black Plastic w/Silver Printing

	
MD AFB-6 A. F. B./CHRISTMAS/1981//798 23mm Green Plastic w/White Printing Square	**MD AFB-7** ARBUTUS/FIREMEN'S/BINGO/1 GIFT/TOKEN//blank 29mm Yellow Plastic w/ Black Printing
MD AFB-7a Same obverse and reverse as MD AFB-7 29mm Orange Plastic w/ Black Printing	**MD AFB-7b** Same obverse and reverse as MD AFB-7 29mm Blue Plastic w/ Black Printing
MD AFB-7c Same obverse and reverse as MD AFB-7 29mm Red Plastic w/ Black Printing	**MD AFB-7d** Same obverse and reverse as MD AFB-7 29mmGreen Plastic w/ Black Printing
MD AFB-7e Same obverse and reverse as MD AFB-7 29mm White Plastic w/ Black Printing	This space left blank intentionally!
MD AFB-8 15 YEARS/ARBUTUS/FIREMEN'S/BINGO/1964-1979//WOODEN NICKEL/Indian facing left, all within a circle 38mm Wood w/Black Printing	**MD AFB-9** 15 YEARS/ARBUTUS/FIREMEN'S/BINGO/1964-1979//WOODEN NICKEL/Buffalo/UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, all within a circle 38mm Wood w/ Black Printing

MD AFB-10
ARBUTUS FIREMEN'S BINGO/
LUCKY/WINNER/OUR 17TH YEAR/1964-1981/
ARBUTUS, MARYLAND//WOODEN
NICKEL/Indian facing left, all within a circle
38mm Wood w/ Black Printing

MD AFB-11
ARBUTUS FIREMEN'S BINGO/1964-1983/
OUR 19TH YEAR/1034 stamped on wooden nickel/
LUCKY NICKEL BONUS//WOODEN NICKEL/
Indian facing left, all within a circle
38mm Wood w/ Black Printing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

17 March –11am - MD TAMS Meeting
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Wash-Balt Coin Show

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Note MD TAMS has a new address:

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The Baltimore Zoo

And adventure with lions, tigers and bears . . . . .and you!

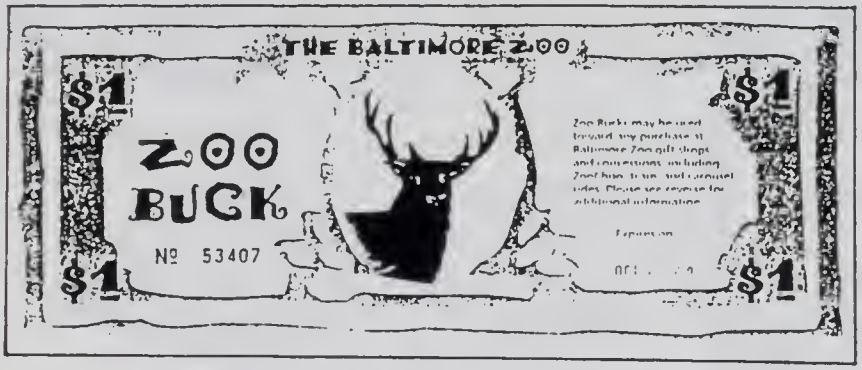
Millard W. Hajek

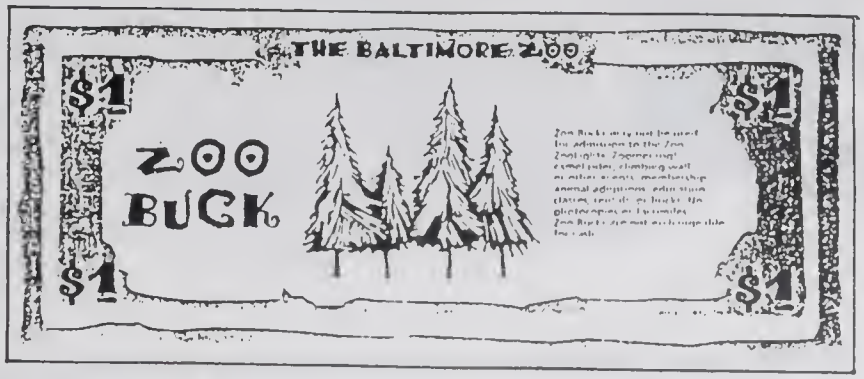
Recently, my wife and I visited **The Baltimore Zoo** to see the zoo's family of animals and to add a Maryland collectible to my "funny money" collection. The weather was perfect for strolling through the park, the snacks hit the spot and besides we did our walking exercise too!

The Baltimore Zoo Bucks

Illustrated below at half scale (50% actual size) is the front and back of a **Baltimore Zoo Buck**. The scrip is 8 1/2" X 3 5/8" in size and is printed in orange and dark green colors on white paper. The face of the note features a stag in the center with a significant antler rack; a black serial number in the lower left, an expiration date stamped in red in the lower right, and to the right of the stag, "The zoo bucks may be used toward any purchase at The Baltimore Zoo gift shops and concessions, including Zoo Choo, Tram and Carousel rides." The back displays a grove of four evergreen trees in the center and to the right, gives additional information on it's usage limitations; "Zoo Bucks may not be used for admission to the Zoo, Zoo Lights, Zoomerang, camel rides, climbing wall, or other events: membership; animal adoptions; education classes; rentals; or bricks. No photocopies or facsimiles. Zoo Bucks are not exchangeable for cash."

Zoo Bucks are offered to existing members as an incentive to renew their membership. Usually, five Zoo Bucks in $1 denominations are given and are valid for a period of six months as an effort to encourage members to visit the zoo. The Zoo Bucks program was started in 1998 and has used the same design and $1 value since inception. My sincere thanks to Erika O'Brien , membership staff, who was very kind in providing the above information for this article on The Baltimore Zoo Bucks.





Baltimore Zoo Elongateds

Our visit to The Baltimore Zoo included the opportunity to add some elongated cents to my exonumia collection. It also offers you the chance to have your very own miniature zoo at home. The Elongateds also provide a visitor to The Baltimore Zoo with one of the most reasonable souvenirs in the park for just 51¢ while you have the fun of rolling your own collectible.

Each elongated cent is available for 2 quarters and a 1 cent from four different rolling machines strategically located throughout the park. Each rolling machine contains four different dies for a total of 16 elongated cents. The rolling machines are located in front of the gift house in Schaefer Plaza just as you enter the zoo's main entrance; around the corner from the gift shop in front of the rest rooms; in front of the gift shop in Polar Bear Square and in the barn in the Children's Zoo just pass the eating area. The Zoo had 10 different elongated cents available circa 1996 and decided to change vendors this year.

Illustrated below are the year 2000 elongated cents now available at **The Baltimore Zoo.**

GIRAFFE

PENGUIN

CHIMPANZEE

EAGLE

PRAIRIE DOG

WART HOG

BEAR

HIPPOPOTAMUS

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LION

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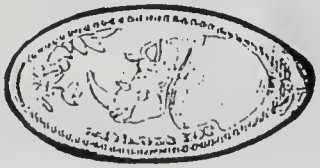


RHINOCEROS

TIGER

ZEBRA

ELEPHANT

POLAR BEAR

COLLECTING "GO WITHS"

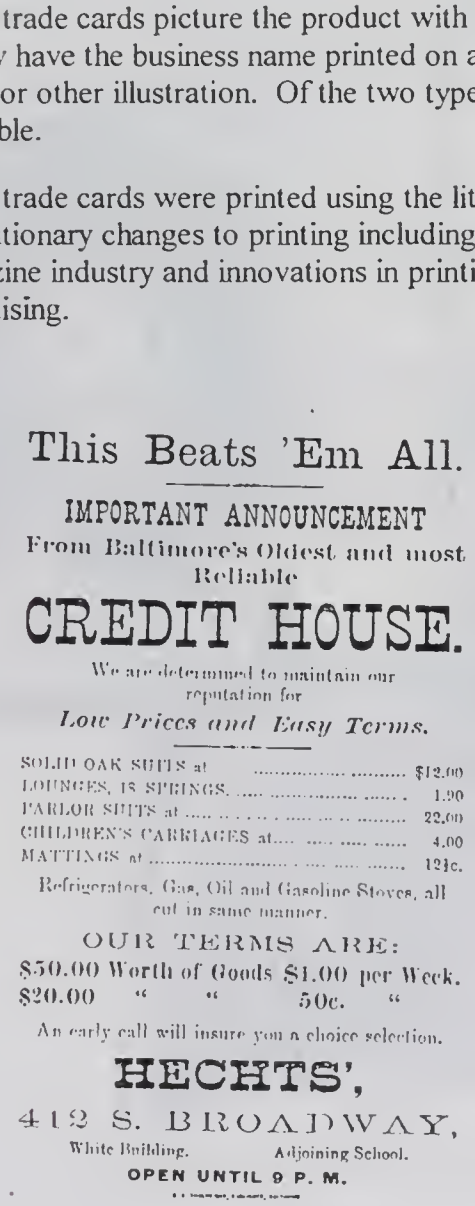
- Advertising Trade Cards -

By: Russ Sears

While we collect tokens and medals, the historical nature of our collections can be enhanced by collecting and studying "go withs". The term "go with" applies to items which compliment a piece in our collection, and sometimes helps us to learn more about the organization or business which issued the token or medal.

One "go with" is the advertising trade card. These cards were given away by companies, usually in the period of 1870 to 1900, as promotion of their company and its products. Some trade cards picture the product with a type of customized design while others merely have the business name printed on a card which had already been printed with a scene or other illustration. Of the two types, the custom design is considered more desirable.

Many trade cards were printed using the lithograph process. Lithographing brought revolutionary changes to printing including the use of multiple colors. Expansion of the magazine industry and innovations in printing sealed the fate of this medium of advertising.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1 set (4) A No. 1 Warner, Sarvant or Plain Hub Wheels, warranted 1 year, ⅞ & 1 in. Ironed and Boxed, Painted 4 Coats, $10.
1 pr. (2) A No. 1 Warner, Sarvant or Plain Hub Wheels, warranted 1 year, ⅞ & 1 in., Ironed & Boxed, ready for Wagon, $5.
1 pr. (2) A No. 1 Warner, Sarvant or Plain Hub Wheels, warranted 1 year, ⅞ & 1 in., Ironed & Boxed, Painted 4 Coats, $6 pr.
1 very fine 3 or 4 Bowed All-Rubber Lined with Cloth Side Curtains, warranted 1 year, and to suit any Buggy, $7.50 each.
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1 Regular Buggy Body, $2.00 each.
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MALTBY, PIONEER BALTIMORE PACKER

By: R. Lee Burton, Jr.

Caleb S. Maltby arrived in Baltimore in 1836. His career began in the Fair Haven, Connecticut area, an early oyster packing center, which began to decline as the oyster supply became scarce. He formed a partnership with Daniel Hall and they established an oyster distribution business. Oysters were bought from Chesapeake Bay dredgers, shucked in their Baltimore oyster house, and then shipped to Pittsburg. This was accomplished by filling kegs with raw oysters which were sealed and placed in wagons where they were iced down. Their strategically located teams of horses became famous for the timely delivery of their oysters. Their timing was quite opportune since the B & O Railroad had extended westward permitting shipments to the Midwest. They prospered greatly. The **Cambridge Record** of December 1908 in a historical edition reported that Capt. Levin Insley of Dorchester County was one of their buyers. Unfortunately Daniel Hall died in 1853 but the business continued to flourish under Maltby.

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Baltimore City Directory (1855).

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BALTIMORE OYSTERS.

Maltby began to expand and diversify his business. The oyster house and later a canning factory were located at the foot of West Falls Avenue. He canned both oysters and fruit under the "Old Reliable" brand name. In 1855 he consolidated The American Hotel and The United States Hotel to form Maltby House located on Pratt Street near Light Street. This location was convenient to waterfront travelers (rooms - $1.50 per day, room and meals - $2.50 per day). Undoubtedly oysters were on the hotel menu.

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By 1860 the scope of the oyster industry in Baltimore can be judged by these statistics:

Establishments - 30, local consumption - 200,000 bushels, raw shipment - 2,000,000 bushels, canning - 1,000,000 bushels, price per bushel paid by packers - 35¢.

In the late 1880's or early 1890's the Lord-Mott Co. absorbed the C.S. Malty Co. The merged companies used the Lord-Mott Co. name but retained the brand "Old Reliable Since 1836". Their lithograph revealed an old safe being guarded by a watch dog.

But what about tokens? I found just one included with the tokens of an early Dorchester packer. It is round, brass or copper, and 21mm in size. On the obverse are the initials **C S M**. On the reverse is a relatively large five point star with letters **S O** which I assume means it was for shucking oysters. From comparison with other tokens I would judge its origin to be in the 1870-1880 time frame.

The primary reference used for this article deserves further comment. Dr. A. J. Nichol, University of MD professor, prepared a bulletin in 1937 entitled "The Oyster Packing Industry in Baltimore". It is packed with information about the oyster industry to include the early oyster packers, and the problems of the oyster industry over the years. My copy is a special item in my Maryland book collection. The Solomons Chesapeake Laboratory was the publisher. If it should ever be reprinted, it would have my hearty recommendation to collectors of oyster memorabilia to obtain a copy. It gives a thorough perspective of the industry's early history which was concentrated in Baltimore into the 20th century.

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